

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, reexamination, and further and favorable reconsideration of the subject application in light of the following remarks, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, are respectfully requested.

By the foregoing amendment, claims 16-19 have been amended to recite "detecting a highly ordered structural site of a single stranded nucleic acid of a gene." Support for this amendment can be found throughout the originally-filed application, including, for example, on page 1, first and third paragraphs, of the specification. Hence, no new matter has been added.

Turning now to the Office Action, the Examiner has maintained the rejection of claims 16-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement. This rejection continues to be respectfully traversed.

On page 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner admits that the specification is "enabling for single stranded structures." Therefore, to expedite prosecution in the present application, and not to acquiesce to the Examiner's rejection, claims 16-19 have been amended to recite "detecting a highly ordered structural site of a single stranded nucleic acid of a gene."

In view of the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the enablement rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Additionally, claims 16-19 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as purportedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. This rejection also continues to be respectfully traversed

As discussed above, to expedite prosecution in the present application, and not to acquiesce to any of the Examiner's rejections, the claims have been amended to recite "detecting a highly ordered structural site of a single stranded nucleic acid of a gene."

In light of the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the indefiniteness rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

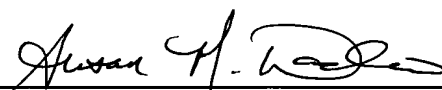
From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order. Such action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions concerning this Amendment and Reply, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone Applicant's undersigned representative so that prosecution may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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